



Views over Ainslie Park

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Key Dates for Term 1

Term 1 finish: Friday 27 March – 2.30 finish

Key Dates for Term 2

Curriculum Day: Tuesday 14 April

Term 2 begins: Wednesday 15 April

School Photos: Wednesday 29th April

School Playground Supervision times

Please be reminded that the playground is supervised from **8.45 -9.00** before school and **3.30-3.45** after school each day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL
COVID-19

Thank you all for your calm and supportive approach to the consistently developing circumstances created by COVID-19. I will ensure that relevant updates from the appropriate authorities are passed on to the community promptly, as well as any school based decisions stemming from this new information. I will also endeavour to manage a balanced approach to this communication. Please keep up with

developments through direct Compass messages. I am happy to receive feedback regarding this process and what you may need as a community.

Supporting the APPS Community

I would like to propose that in light of current events, and the potential future impact on members of our community, that we give some thought to how we could centralise support for those most heavily impacted. I acknowledge that I have no way of knowing what the need may be at this point or what supports may exist to meet this. However, I do understand that we have a supportive, versatile and highly skilled community. I only ask at this time that we give some thought as to how we could best establish a system that would allow families to reach out for support and for those to offer it if they are able. Established social media platforms could well be the best way forward, but I am happy to hear any and all thoughts on this subject.

Seesaw Online Portfolios and Learning

As you would be aware, we have begun sharing your child's work and progress through the Seesaw online portfolio platform. We hope this is a development that gives you a greater insight into your child's development, but also the teaching and learning taking place at APPS.

We are also considering the benefits of Seesaw as a resources to support Learning from Home, should we experience school closures of an extended duration in the future. To support this possibility, we would ask that all families ensure they have connected with this platform. If you are still experiencing difficult with this, please contact your child's teacher directly.

School Council Update

On Tuesday this week we held the School Council Annual General Meeting. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all School Council members for their commitment to our school and continued support.

I would like to thank and congratulate Evan Coutts who will continue in the role of School Council president during 2020. I would also like to congratulate and thank Paula Thynne for taking on the role as Vice-President.

I would also like to draw your attention to the role of the School Council Sub-Committees and how you could become involved. The following sub-committees have been formed:

- Buildings and Grounds
- Finance
- Education
- Community Engagement and Fundraising
- Marketing

Members of school council will work within these groups to further school-wide projects and initiatives. There will also be occasions that other members of the community will be co-opted into these sub-committees for a short or longer term project. Early in term 2 the sub-committees will meet to formalise goals and plans for the next 12 months, after which time the goals will be shared with the wider community. If at that time you wish to become further involved with any of the sub-committees, please contact me directly.

Auslan in F-2

As had been reported at the end of 2019, APPS was unfortunately impacted by the decision of the German teacher we hired to take a position at another school. On advice from the department it was decided to begin the 2020 school year without an additional language program.

Providing an additional language program in some capacity is a key requirement for a school to meet registration requirements. However, there is option for schools that experience difficulty securing suitably qualified staff to receive an exemption. Ainslie Parklands Primary School has received an exemption for the 2020 school year. However, that does not mean we must cease our process on securing staff and implementing a suitable and sustainable program.

From the beginning of Term 2 the students in Foundation – Year 2 will receive a weekly Auslan lesson. This lesson will be provided to the 3 classes by Adele Rhodes (1/2 teacher) who holds an Auslan qualification.

The lesson will occur during the Library/PE/Auslan rotations between the (F-2) classes each week. At this time the school is not able to offer this to Year 3 or above. We have exhausted all possible links with high schools to make use of German language staff and must therefore look at other options.

We will continue to seek suitable staff in either German or Auslan for Y3-6, as well as develop a clear plan for the provision of an additional language at APPS going forward.

Lunch Time Clubs at APPS

I am very pleased to announce that from the beginning of Term 2 APPS will be running a variety of lunch time clubs on Wednesday and Thursday each week. The clubs will be facilitated by our school leaders, with the support of a mentor teacher. They will take place in the music studio, Orchard, library and hall.

We are proposing the following, with confirmed details by the end of term:

- Y3-6 Choir (Music studio)
- F-6 Art and Reading in the Orchard.
- Y3/4 Sport in hall.

Positive School Promotion

I would like to thank those of you who take the time to actively promote our school in the wider community. This positive word of mouth is extremely important in helping our school grow, which ultimately benefits your children and all of our community.

I would like to encourage any of you have any school related issues that are causing you concern to contact us directly, rather than air these in a public forum. As a school we are very open to your feedback, but cannot address your concerns if they are not brought to our attention. Thank you for your continued support with this matter.

Minikids

Minikids is a program we offer at Ainslie Parklands Primary School for children presently in 3 and 4 year old kindergarten. The focus of the session is on giving prospective students and families an opportunity to experience our school before committing to enrolment.

If you are a current family with 3 or 4 year old child, or you know some families who may be interested in joining us, please contact the office on 98701566 to register your attendance. There is no cost involved.

The next scheduled session will be held on **Friday 1st May from 2.00-3.20.**

Facebook – Community Connection

I would like to bring to your attention the existence of a Facebook page that works to connect the wider Ainslie Parklands Primary School community. Although this is not the official Facebook page for the school, it does provide a wonderful opportunity for our school community to connect and support each other. Please see the information below for more details:

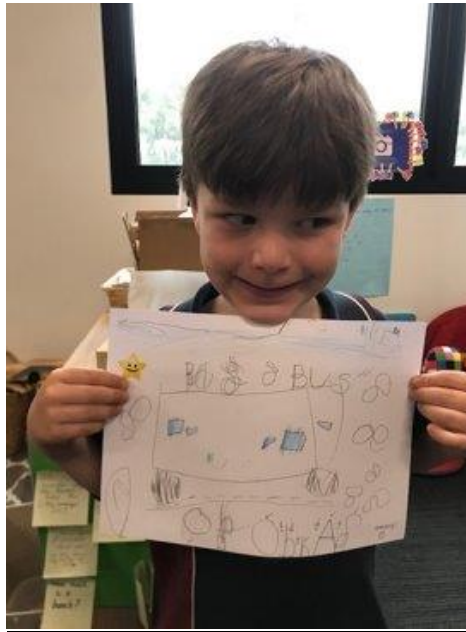
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/happypeoplecroydon/>

Brett MacKenzie
Principal

FROM THE STUDIOS

Foundation

Integrating our Writing into our Unit of Inquiry - Foundation children have been learning about the importance of writing for a purpose and audience. After our visit to the Bundoora Heritage Farm to learn about life in the past, we decided we wanted to share about what we did and learnt. The children decided on their audience – they wanted to write for their families. And they agreed the purpose of their writing would be to inform and tell them about the events that occurred. We created a shared piece of writing with each child contributing to a part of the recount. Sunni and Miles loved the writing experience.



1/2 Studio



Arlo's box construction

3/4 Studio



5/6 Studio



Kitchen Garden

Our Kitchen Garden Elective students worked hard to finish our new planting and fresh mulch at the front of the school. The new plants are establishing well and as always, this fantastic group made the session a success with their team work and creative problem solving._



Music

Grade 3/4B doing an amazing job creating movements to the song 'Step back baby'. Next they'll transfer the melody and accompaniment parts onto instruments.



Art

In Visual Art this week, the 3/4s made vibrant and colourful paper sculptures. Students used their knowledge of paper construction techniques such as curling, concertina folds and loops to create the intricate symmetrical designs. They look magnificent hanging from the ceiling in the art room. I hope you love them as much as I do!



FROM THE OFFICE

CSEF Funding

For those families that are a holder of a current Centrelink healthcare card, Veterans Affairs Gold Card or a Pensioner Concession card you may be eligible for CSEF funding for your child. If you have NOT filled out an application form and think you are eligible, please come to the office and speak to Simone or Andy.

STATE SCHOOL RELIEF.

If your family is struggling financially, State School Relief can offer assistance with school uniforms.

Please speak to either Simone or Andy and they will make an application for you in the strictest confidence.



GIRLS FOOTY
Join the Saints!

NORTH RINGWOOD JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Girls footy is thriving at our awesome club,
and season 2020 is looking to be even
bigger and better with girls teams in every
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FOR MORE INFO CONTACT MARIA NIKSIC
0402 413 747 OR girlsfooty@nrjfc.com.au

SATURDAY MORNING JUNIOR FOOTY



REGISTRATION DAY
Wednesday March 18th, 5pm - 6pm
Tinternvale Primary School

Meet the coaches. Meet the players. Join the team.

The SFL is the only junior football league running matches on Saturday mornings. Under the care and guidance of passionate and skilled coaches, players (girls and boys from Grades 2 to 6 or ages between 7 -12) will...

- grow in confidence as they learn the game
- learn the importance of sportsmanship
- experience unique camaraderie
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Welcome to the new school year!

A very warm welcome to everyone, and a special welcome to families new to the school and our program.

At Camp Australia, we provide an engaging and supportive **outside of school hours space** for children to play, connect, learn and grow. We work together with your school community to deliver a tailored program that is designed to bring out the very best in each individual child. Creating a unique place where children can practice real-life skills in a fun, exciting environment that challenges them to succeed. In our sessions, children will be provided with a healthy snack while given time to relax, socialise with friends and learn some life skills along the way. Come to the OSHC room to meet the friendly team and discover how we can help your family.



It's FREE to Register.

To attend our program, you must register your child. You can register an account with us at pp.campaustralia.com.au/account/login. Once registered, it's easy to make bookings and manage your booking options online via our parent portal. If eligible, to help you with the cost of child care, you may be entitled to receive the Australian Government Child Care Subsidy. Visit my.gov.au to find out more.

Program Details

For more information on our service and fees, visit our website www.campaustralia.com.au. If you prefer to speak to us, you can contact our Customer Care Team, available to support families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - except for National Public Holidays. Alternatively, you're welcome to visit us in service and chat with our qualified Educators about the Camp Australia program at your child's school.

We look forward to seeing you and your family soon!

From the Team at Camp Australia

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